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SUBJECT: US-USSR CHEMICAL WEAPONS NEGOTIATIONS, ROUND
SEVEN: FINAL COMMUNIQUE

CW MESSAGE NO. 54

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1. SOVIET DEL HAS PROPOSED THAT THE TEXT OF THE FINAL
COMMUNIQUE, CONTAINED PARA 2 BELOW, BE RELEASED IN GENEVA
ON MAY 11.

2. TEXT OF FINAL COMMUNIQUE:
BEGIN TEXT:
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THE DELEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND
THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS MET IN GENEVA
FROM JANUARY 10 TO MAY 9, 1978, TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS
ON A JOINT INITIATIVE FOR PRESENTATION TO THE CCD ON
THE SUBJECT OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS.

THE TWO PARTIES HAVE HELD INTENSIVE BILATERAL TALKS SINCE 1976 ON A JOINT INITIATIVE WITH A VIEW TO ACHIEVING EARLY AGREEMENT ON A COMPLETE EFFECTIVE, AND VERIFIABLE PROHIBITION OF THE DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION, AND STOCK-PILING OF ALL CHEMICAL WEAPONS AS WELL AS PROVIDING FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF EXISTING CHEMICAL WEAPONS. THE TWO PARTIES AGREE IN PRINCIPLE ON MOST, ALTHOUGH NOT ALL, POINTS IN THE AREA OF SCOPE. THEY ARE IN AGREEMENT THAT THE CONVENTION SHOULD CONTAIN PROVISIONS CLEARLY SPECIFYING THE PROCEDURES FOR DECLARING CHEMICAL WEAPONS STOCK-PILES AND MAKING DECLARATIONS RELATING TO THE MEANS OF PRODUCTION OF CHEMICAL MUNITIONS AND CHEMICALS COVERED BY THE FUTURE CONVENTION. HOWEVER, MEASURES RELATING TO THE DISPOSITION OF THOSE MEANS OF PRODUCTION REQUIRE FURTHER NEGOTIATION. THE TWO PARTIES SHARE THE VIEW THAT ARRANGEMENTS FOR ADEQUATE VERIFICATION SHOULD BE BASED ON A COMBINATION OF NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS, INCLUDING THE CREATION OF A CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE. WHILE THERE IS AGREEMENT ON SOME ARRANGEMENTS AND PROCEDURES IN THE AREA OF VERIFICATION, NO AGREEMENT HAS YET BEEN REACHED ON CERTAIN IMPORTANT ISSUES, INCLUDING SPECIFIC METHODS OF VERIFYING THE DESTRUCTION OF CHEMICAL WEAPON STOCKS AND THE DISPOSITION OF THE MEANS OF PRODUCTION FOR CHEMICAL MUNITIONS AND CHEMICALS COVERED BY THE CONVENTION.

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THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS TO THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT, AMBASSADOR ADRIAN S. FISHER AND AMBASSADOR V.I. LIKHACHEV, HEADED THEIR RESPECTIVE DELEGATIONS.

THE TWO SIDES AGREED TO CONTINUE THE NEGOTIATIONS AT A DATE TO BE AGREED. END TEXT.

3. WHILE FINAL APPROVAL FOR RELEASE HAS NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED FROM MOSCOW, SOVIET DEL ANTICIPATES NO PROBLEM SINCE COMMUNIQUE TEXT IS TAKEN FROM AGREED US-USSR JOINT STATEMENT TO CCD (REFTEL). US DEL PLANS TO RELEASE COMMUNIQUE (ABOVE) IN GENEVA MAY 11, AS WELL, UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED. WE ALSO RECOMMEND MAY 11 RELEASE IN WASHINGTON. VANDEN HEUVEL

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